

ABSTRACT

Public Servants – Revenue Department–Allegations of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe against Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi, formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector II Office of the Tahsildar, Palakonderu Mandal, Eluru West Godavari District Trapped on 28-8-2007 – Sanction for Prosecution – Accorded –Reg.

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REVENUE VIGILANCE (VII) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.

Dated: 06-2008

Whereas, Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi, W/o Late Vijaya Saradhi worked as Mandal Revenue Inspector-II, Palakoderu Mandal, Eluru, West Godavari district from 10-6-2006 to 28-8-2007 and by virtue of the post held by her she falls under the category of a Public Servant as defined under section 2 (c) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

2. Whereas, Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao,S/o Late Ganga Raju is a retired Assistant Divisional Engineer, A.P. Transco resident of Quarter No 45,SIHS Colony, Vidyadharapuram, Vijayawada Krishna district.

3. And whereas, it is alleged that the wife of Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao, Smt Mankiyamba is the only daughter to her parents. The father-in-law of Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao was expired and his mother-in-law Smt N.Savitharamma used to stay in Srungavruksham Village. As the mother-in-law of Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao was suffering from Bone Cancer, she expired on 29-6-2007 while taking treatment in Andhra Hospitals, Vijayawada. At that Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao obtained Death Certificate of his mother-in-law from Municipal Corporation, Vijayawada. The mother-in-law of Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao is having Ac.3.54cts of land in R.S.Nos 651/7 & 791/2, Srungavruksham village. As the wife of Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao is only daughter and legal heir to her parents, on 16-8-2007 she applied for issue of Legal Heir Certificate (Family Members Certificate) and Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao submitted the same to the Deputy Tahsildar in the office of Tahsildar, Palakoderu Mandal, West Godavari district along with the Original form 6 (Death Certificate) of his mother-in-law

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on behalf of his wife as she was not feeling well. The Deputy Tahsildar got entered the same in the office and handed over to Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi, former Mandal Revenue Inspector-II, Office of the Tahsildar, Palakoderu Mandal, Eluru, West Godavari district on the same day itself for verification. At that time Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao met Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi and requested her to process the application for issue of Legal Heir Certificate (Family Member Certificate). On that Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi demanded him to pay a bribe amount of Rs. 2,000/- and informed him if the bribe amount is paid then only she would see that the certificate be issued. On 17-8-2007 Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao again met Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi and expressed his inability to pay the bribe amount of Rs. 2,000/- to her that he was a retired employee, but she informed him unless she is bribed, the concerned certificate would not be issued and sent him back. On 24-8-2007 at about 10-45 A.M Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao contact Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi from his land Phone No. 0866-2415899 to the residential phone of Smt Achanta Sankunthala bearing No. 08816 - 248766 and requested her to issue of Family Members Certificate, on that Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi reiterated her earlier demand of bribe. Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao having no other alternative reluctantly agreed to pay the demanded bribe amount of Rs. 2,000/- to her. Then Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi informed him to pay the demanded bribe on 28-8-2007 between 11.30 A.M to 12.00 Noon at VRO's office. Srungavruksham and also informed him after receipt of the bribe amount only she sent favourable report to Tahsildar for issuance of Legal Heir Certificate. As Sri Krovvidi Subrahmanyeswara Rao is not willing to pay the demanded bribe amount to Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi, he approached the Office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Eluru and lodged a written report with Sri T. Kanaka Raju, District Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Eluru Range, Eluru on 24-8-2007 at 5.00 P.M against Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector-II, Palakoderu Mandal, Eluru, West Godavari district for taking necessary action against her. After receiving the report of Sri.

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K Subrahmanyeswara Rao the District Inspector informed the same to Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau. The Anti Corruption Bureau, Nellore Range (FAC) Eluru Range. As per the

instructions of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, the Range Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Eluru conducted discrete enquiries and verified about the antecedents of Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao, Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi and the genuineness of the report and submitted the same on 24-8-2007. As per the instructions of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Nellore Range (FAC) the District Inspector Anti Corruption Bureau registered a case in Cr.No. 9/RCT-EWG/2007 on 28-8-2007 at 8.00 A.M under section 7 & 13 (2) read with 13 (1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act 1988 and made arrangement for laying trap.

4. And whereas, after completing the pre-trap proceedings on 28-8-2007 at about 10.00 a.m the District Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau Range Inspector Anti Corruption Bureau Mediators. Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao, and his wife Smt M.V.Ramana, woman P.C 387 along with other trap party members left the office of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anti Corruption Bureau, Eluru Range in Government vehicle and reached the vicinity of the office Village Revenue Officer, Srunguruksham village at 12.30 P.M. The District Inspector directed Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao to proceed to the office of the Village Office, along with his wife to pay the demanded bribe amount to Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi on her further demand only. As per the instructions of the District Inspector, the trap party took their vantage position around the office of Village Revenue Office. And as per the instructions of the District Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao along with his wife entered into the office of the Village Revenue Office, Sryngavruksham. At about 1.00 P.M. Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao and his wife came out of the office of the Village Revenue Officer, and informed the District Inspector Anti Corruption Bureau that Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi did not come to the office and it was found locked. And as per the instructions of the District Inspector, Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao

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contacted Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi from his cell Phone No. 9885551355 to the Land Phone No. 08816-248766 of Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi at her residence and informed the District Inspector that Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi informed him to come to her

residence situated in Palakoderu village. Then the District Inspector along with Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao, his wife and other trap party members left Srungavruksham village and reached Palakoderu village at 4.00 p.m. The District Inspector stopped the vehicle near a two storied building on the Ventra Road and asked Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao and his wife to go to the residence of Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi and pay the bribe amount on her further demand only. The District Inspector instructed PCs 1772,532 and WPC 367 to follow Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao and his wife closely to receive the signal from Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao and to relay the same to the other trap party members. Accordingly Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao and his wife proceeded to the residence of Achanta Sankunthala Devi situated in the 1st floor of the above said building duly followed by the above P.Cs. The remaining trap party members took vantage positions near the building. At about 4.15 PM Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao came out of the residence of Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi and gave the pre-arranged signal and the received by the above constables and relayed to the other members of the trap party. The District Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau and the trap party immediately rushed into the residence of Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi and found the Woman PC 367 caught hold of the hands of one woman sitting in a chair in front room of the residential portion. The District Inspector, introduced himself and member of the trap party to the said person and also ascertained the identity particulars of the said person as Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi. The District Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau, Eluru got conducted the Sodium Carbonate Solution test to both hand fingers of Smt Achanta Sankunthala Devi and proved positive. When the District Inspector Anti Corruption Bureau, enquired about the tainted amount. Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi took the trap party into her bed room and showed a wad of currency notes under the bed by lifting it. As per the directions of the District Inspector, one of the mediators Sri P. Dora

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Babu picked up the tainted currency notes, which were covered by white envelop of M/s Transgene Medical Centre Tanuku. On verification the serial Nos of the tainted amount found to be tailed with the serial nos, of the currency notes that were produced by Sri K. Subrahmanyeswara Rao during pre-trap proceedings. The Sodium Carbonate solution tests also conducted on the surface of the Cot and

white envelop, which came into contact with the tainted amount proved positive. The District Inspector, seized the tainted amount of Rs. 2,000/- the white coloured envelop. The District Inspector, Anti Corruption Bureau also seized the connected documents, left over Sodium Carbonate powder and other connected material etc., and further investigated into the case.

5. And whereas, the above said act of Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector-II, Office Tahsildar, Palakoderu, Eluru, West Godavari district constitute offences punishable under section 7 and 13 (2) read with 13 (1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

6. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector-II Palakoderu Mandal, Eluru, West Godavari district from service after fully and carefully examining the material (ie FIR, Mediator Namas I & II Gist of Statement of witnesses, etc) placed before them in respect of Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector-II Palakoderu Mandal, Eluru, West Godavari district should be prosecuted in a court of Law.

7. Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (b) of Sub-Section (1) of Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Smt Achanta Sakunthala Devi formerly Mandal Revenue Inspector-II Palakoderu Mandal, Eluru, West Godavari district for the above said

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offence punishable under sections 7 & 13 (2) read with 13 (1) (d) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction

To
The Director General,
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Hyderabad.